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Westland Mayor William Wild chose a pastel work by Laurel Raisanen of Wayne as his favorite entry in the Three Cities Art Club Juried Art Exhibition.

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Future of golf course discussed

Plymouth township officials continue to discuss the future of Hilltop Golf Course as financial losses at the municipal facility continue and the current management company has requested $1 million for repairs and improvements.

The golf course, long a subject of controversy among residents and officials, is reportedly losing as much as $100,000 annually while a loan of more than $500,000 to the facility from the township general fund remains unsatisfied.

Currently, the 18-hole municipal course is managed by Billy Casper Golf, Inc. and representatives from that independent venture have requested renovation and installation of walking paths, concession improvements, new golf carts and removal of several trees on the course. Those renovations and maintenance issues could total as much as $1 million, according to township sources.

> *Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz urged the board to examine all possible solutions before closing the golf course.*

During a meeting last week, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise told members of the board of trustees that the township does not have the funding for those requested improvements. Representatives from the management company have said the course would be more attractive to golfers with the improvements helping reverse the annual financial losses.

Heise told the board members that the financial losses at the course could not continue while he was convinced that the golf course employees were "doing the best they can with what they've got."

He suggested that golf courses are being repurposed by communities and that the Hilltop site might be a recreational area to be used for walking, jogging, bike and cross-country skiing, with paths, green space, pavilions and other amenities.

He suggested forming a committee including township trustees and residents to examine possible uses for the site should township officials decide to close the golf course.

Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz urged the board to examine all possible solutions before closing the golf course.

Trustee Chuck Curmi urged the board members and the audience members not to interpret the discussion as a death sentence for the golf course.

Heise also suggested selling off a portion of the land on the southernmost section of the golf course for development of condominiums. He said he estimated the township could realize $2 million from the sale of that section of the property.

Treasurer Mark Clinton suggested that residents were already concerned regarding worsening traffic congestion throughout the township as more homes are constructed.

Heise said that no decision had been made but the management contract with Billy Casper will expire in March of 2019 and the township is required to provide the company with 120 days notice if officials opt not to renew the agreement.

Making it merry

More than 30 children joined some local heroes Tuesday for a holiday shopping trip through Meijer in Westland. Firefighters and police officers from Westland joined the children for the 13th Annual Shop with a Hero event. Police Ofc. James Compton, above, was among the officers and firefighters who helped ensure families enjoyed a Christmas shopping outing. The children were also treated to a pizza party and a visit with Santa. Meijer, the sole sponsor of the event in Westland, also provided families food gift baskets for a holiday dinner. "To be able to provide a child with the joy of Christmas is an incredible opportunity," said Westland Mayor William Wild, "Our first responders and local charitable groups who are also participating do amazing work each year to ensure that the children of Westland have a magical and memorable Christmas."

Philharmonic conductor's contract

The Michigan Philharmonic has signed a three-year contract extension with Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn. Now in her 19th season with the Michigan Philharmonic, Washburn has led the organization's evolution into one of the most innovative and dynamic professional symphony orchestras in the region since her arrival in 1999, noted Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic.

The winner of The American Prize in Orchestral Conducting, professional division, in 2013 and 18 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming from the League of American Orchestras, Washburn is one of the most innovative conductors working in the United States today. For her engaging performances and leading-edge approach to concert programming, critics have hailed her work as having "perspicacity, verve, imagination and all-around savvy." Under her direction, the Michigan Philharmonic has garnered national awards and recognition, winning six ASCAP awards from the League of American Orchestras as well as First Place in the prestigious American Prize for professional orchestras in 2016, Stewart continued.

Before being recruited to Michigan from California, Washburn served as artistic director and conductor of the West Hollywood Orchestra for five years; music director of Orchestra Sonoma, the Camellia Symphony, and the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra. Washburn first came to national attention as a co-founder, the artistic director, and associate conductor of the San Francisco-based Women's Philharmonic from 1980 to 1990, during which time she became one of the leading authorities on and advocates for orchestral works of women composers. For her pioneering work in this field, she was awarded the WIA - Jeanine C. Rae Award for Advancement of Women's Culture.

Washburn has put the Michigan Philharmonic on the map by working with and performing works by many of the leading composers in the U.S. today, including Joseph Schwantner, William Bolcom, Libby Larsen, John Corigliano, Chen Yi, Lou Harrison, Tobias Picker, Michael Daugherty, Jennifer Higdon, Gabriela Lena Frank, Andre Myers and Michael Gilbertson, Stewart said.

"We are thrilled to engage Nan for another three years and the artistic head of our organization," said Stewart. "Nan brings the background and artistic leadership we need as the organization enters an exciting phase with the possibility of having a performance home for the orchestra".

As the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, which houses the administrative offices of the Michigan Phil and 36 other arts and recreational organizations, plans to renovate and expand the facility, a new performing arts center is one of the goals of the project, Stewart said.

Nan Washburn

"Having a performing arts center right in the heart of our hometown of Plymouth would be a dream come true for the Michigan Philharmonic," Washburn said. "It is something we have waited so long for and would be a perfect way to celebrate my two decades with the orchestra!"

For more information the Michigan Philharmonic, concert schedules and tickets visit www.michiganphil.org.

Canton

Township to expand marketing efforts

Canton Township officials have authorized $60,000 to increase marketing efforts for municipal recreation opportunities.

The funding will be used to restore a marketing specialist position with the Canton Leisure Services department which had been cut due to budget concerns. Officials noted that enrollment in recreation classes had declined by about 15 percent since marketing had been reduced. Funding for the marketing person will be offset by a reduction in some part-time positions, officials said.

The move is an effort to promote offerings such as shows at the Village Theater, Summit on the Park recreation classes along with other recreation opportunities in the township. Director of the Leisure Services Department Greg Hohenberger told the members of the board of the trustees that the second marketing specialist will allow the township to promote those two facilities and services. Leisure Services also includes preschool classes, the annual Liberty Fest, the township Farmers Market, and the B.L.O.C.K. youth center.

Hohenberger said that comments from residents indicated that participation in Leisure Services activities, many of which are revenue sources, would have increased had people been aware of some of the offerings and classes. The staffing rearrangement should allow for marketing of all programs and an increased social media presence, he said.

The new structure will have two full-time marketing specialists and one part-time staff member working on promotion, eliminating two current part-time positions.

Supervisor named to commission

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams has been named to the Michigan Trial Court Funding Commission.

Williams' appointment to the 12-member commission was made by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Among the responsibilities of the committee are: a review and recommendation for changes to the trial court funding system; a review and recommendation of changes to the methods by which courts impose and allocate fees and costs; suggestions for statutory changes necessary to effectuate the recommended changes and the filing of a final report with the governor, the senate majority leaders and the speaker of the House of Representatives regarding activities of the commission.

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Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Amend the Text of the Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by Amending Article 23: Planned Unit Development Option
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 17, 2018
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth, on its own motion, proposes to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by amending Article 23: Planned Unit Development Option at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Community Development Department. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Community Development Department and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Planned Unit Development Option
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 17, 2018
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application requesting a Planned Unit Development Option for a hotel facility and accessory uses in the ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District, on Tax ID(s) R-78-066-99-0001-001 and R-78-066-99-0001-002, pursuant to the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The property is commonly referred to as 40347 and 40441 Ann Arbor Road and located south of Ann Arbor Road, west of I-275 and east of Massey. For legal descriptions, please see tax records based on the above Tax ID No(s).

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY JANUARY 4, 2017
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- **Application 1562**, R78-050-04-0335-000, 49009 Plum Tree DR, R-1-H zoning district: is requesting one variance to construct a three season's room with a rear yard setback of 40 feet whereas 50 feet is required. *Variance requested is 10 feet.*
- **Application 1563**, R78-025-01-0007-000, 41144 Concept DR, IND zoning district, is requesting two variances:
  1. To install the wall sign on the side of the building that faces the adjoining property but can be seen from I-275. *The variance requested to be allowed to install the wall sign to be seen from I-275.*
  2. To allow the above wall sign to be 344.25 square feet in order to be seen from I-275 whereas 90 square feet is allowed. *The variance requested 254.25 square feet of wall sign to face I-275.*
- **Application 1564**, R78-031-01-0186-000, 12811 Heritage DR, R-2-A zoning district, is requesting four variances to install an entry way monument sign:
  1. To install a modified monument sign that has open space between the ground and the bottom of the sign whereas a monument type sign is required.
  2. The sign is 52.5 square feet whereas 50 square feet is allowed
  3. The sign is 5 feet in height whereas 4 feet is allowed
  4. The sign has no brick or masonry base whereas brick or masonry is required.
  The variances requested are stated in items 1-4 above.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
JANUARY 9, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the first of two (2) public hearings concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2018 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2018 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately $91,072. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2018 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15%
PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$13,660**
Senior Services	**$6,830**
Council on Aging	$4,606
Senior Alliance	$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$6,830**
ADMINISTRATION	**$9,107**
BRICK & MORTAR	**$68,305**
ADA Township Facility Improvements	$68,305
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$91,072**

A second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 after which the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2018 funds.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2018 funds should be directed to Sarah Visel, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, January 19, 2018.

Jerry Vorva
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – December 12, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Anthony, supported by Siegrist to move from open session to closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss confidential legal opinion. Motion carried unanimously **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL OPINION Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Foster Dismissed from closed session to Reception for Fire Poster Contest Awards at 6:34 p.m. **6:30 P.M.: RECEPTION FOR FIRE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to move from closed to open session at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. Supervisor Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Foster Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Manager of Legal Services & Contract Administration - Kristin Kolb Staff Absent: None **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Sneideman to amend the agenda to add Item G-0 Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Regarding Prescription Controlled Substances and Authorizing the Hiring of Special Counsel to File a Lawsuit on Canton's Behalf, as a result of the closed session meeting tonight. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2017 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Graham-Hudak, supported by Anthony to approve the Board Study Session Minutes of December 5, 2017 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **RECOGNITION: R-1: Resolution in Recognition of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Lightning Robotics Team 862** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to adopt the following resolution and enter it into the public record. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Resolution in Recognition of PCCS Lightning Robotics Team 862 WHEREAS**, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Lightning Robotics Team 862 had an exemplary year, winning both a world championship and the inaugural FIRST Robotics Festival of Champions; and **WHEREAS,** Team 862 was part of a four-team alliance that topped a field of more than 400 teams at the robotics world championship in St. Louis, Missouri in May of 2017; and **WHEREAS,** Team 862 then traveled to New Hampshire in August of 2017 to team with its St. Louis alliance to win the Festival of Champions, beating the world championship teams from the spring competitions in St. Louis and Houston, Texas; and **WHEREAS,** Team 862, along with their alliance, scored a record 588 points to win a best of five match with a score of 3-2; and **WHEREAS,** Several members of Team 862 won individual honors at the world championship, securing scholarships from Kettering, Michigan Tech, Lawrence Tech, and the University of Michigan; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees congratulates Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics Team 862 on their amazing accomplishments and looks forward to their continued success. Date: December 12, 2017 ____ Pat Williams, Canton Supervisor **R-2: Public Safety Promotion Recognitions: Joe Mullally – Promotion to Rank of Sergeant Dale Waltz – Promotion to Rank of Lieutenant** Motion by Anthony, supported by Slavens to enter the Recognition of Promotions into the public record. **R-3: Resolution in Recognition of Sue Dodson for Service to the Planning Commission.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to enter the following resolution into the public record. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Resolution in Recognition of Sue Dodson WHEREAS**, Sue Dodson has served on the Canton Township Planning Commission since 2009; and **WHEREAS,** Sue has over 35 years of service in the area of Community Planning, through her professional endeavors and also time well served on Canton's Planning Commission; and **WHEREAS,** Sue worked tirelessly for Canton Township to ensure that the intent of the Zoning Ordinance be upheld and provided valuable advice to her colleagues; and **WHEREAS,** Sue dealt with both colleagues and applicants in a diligent and fair manner, serving as an example of the highest tradition of public service; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees thanks Sue for her many years of service on the Planning Commission and wishes her luck with all future endeavors. Date: December 12, 2017 _____Pat Williams, Canton Supervisor **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** None **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Approval of 2018 Building Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2018. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Consider Approval of 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2018 as follows: Second Thursday of each month: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3. Reappointments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to reappoint Duke Morrow and Nadeem Siddiqi to the CDBG Advisory Council for a three year term, effective January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2020. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-O. (added by amendment to the agenda) Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Regarding Prescription Controlled Substances and Authorizing the Hiring of Special Counsel to File a Lawsuit on Canton's Behalf. (Supv)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution declaring that the unlawful distribution of prescription controlled substances has created a public nuisance and a serious public crisis for the citizens of the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES HAS CREATED A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CRISIS FOR THE CITIZENS OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. RECITATIONS: WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees of Charter Township of Canton is the policy determining body of the Charter Township of Canton (the "Board of Trustees"); and **WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees has the authority to take action to protect the public, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Charter Township of Canton ("Township"); and **WHEREAS,** there exists a serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid/opiate abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in the Township; and **WHEREAS,** the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market causes or contributes to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid/opiate abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in the Township; and **WHEREAS,** the violation of any laws of Michigan or of the United States of America controlling the distribution of a controlled substance is inimical, harmful, and adverse to the public welfare of the citizens of the Township and constitutes a public nuisance; and **WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees is authorized to abate, or cause to be abated, any public nuisance including those acts that significantly interfere with the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Township; and **WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees has expended, is expending, and will continue to expend in the future Township public funds to respond to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid/opiate abuse, addiction, morbidity in the Township; and **WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees may sue to obtain any money due to the Township; and **WHEREAS,** the citizens of the Township will benefit from the retention of special outside counsel to investigate and pursue, if appropriate, the Township's claims against the manufacturers and/or wholesale distributors of controlled substances in the Township, on a contingent fee basis, wherein there is no attorney fee or reimbursement of litigation expenses if there is no recovery and any fees and costs paid shall come only of settlement proceeds and not from any public sources. **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Township, with its majority thereto concurring as follows: The Board of Trustees of the Township hereby declares that opiate/opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity and mortality has created a public health and safety crisis in the Township, and is a public nuisance; and The Board of Trustees of the Township hereby retains the firm of SOMMERS SCHWARTZ, P.C, 1 Towne Square, Suite 1700, Southfield, MI 48076, and such other legal counsel as needed, as Special Counsel to represent the Charter Township of Canton to investigate and, if appropriate, pursue all civil remedies which may be afforded under law as against the manufactures and/or wholesale distributors in the chain of distribution of controlled substances who have caused or contributed to the public nuisance and serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid/opiate abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in the Township, with the compensation therefore on a contingent fee basis, in concert with the contingent fee agreement that is designated as "Authority to Represent" and for which the Township's Supervisor is authorized to execute the "Authority to Represent" and the "Professional Services Agreement." **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of December, 2017 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will or have been made available as required by said Act. Dated: December 12, 2017. _____Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk **Item G-1. Accept and Concur with Adoption of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to accept and concur with the adoption of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update by the Planning Commission on November 20, 2012, pursuant to the requirements specified within Public Act 33 of 2008. Motion by Sneideman, supported by Slavens to table the motion before the board. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Water Service Contract between the Great Lakes Water Authority and Canton Township. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve Amendment #3 to the Water Service Contract between the Great Lakes Water Authority and the Charter Township of Canton as presented; and further authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the amendment on behalf of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-3. Consider Waiving the Purchasing Policy and Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Ford Explorer and Approve the Budget Amendment for the Public Safety Department (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve a budget amendments for the replacement of the Ford Explorer as follows: Increase Expenditures: #207-301-50.970_0040 (Capital Outlay Vehicles) $28,350.00 Increase Revenue: #207-000.695 (Fund Balance Appropriation) $28,350.00 Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthon to approve the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Explorer from Signature Ford, 3942 W. Lansing Rd, Perry, MI 48872 via a Macomb County Bid #12-07 MY2017 in the amount of $28,350. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Authorization of Repairs to Canton Mobility Transportation Vehicle. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to authorize an emergency purchase order for vehicle repairs to Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland, 35100 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185-3173 in the amount of $10,578.86. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-5. Consider Award for Board Room Projector and Screen. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to award the bid for the Board Room projector and screen to SoundCom Systems, 24600 N. Industrial Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 in the amount of $24,885 with funds to be paid from Account # 230-250-970_0010, Capital Outlay. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the following budget amendment: Decrease Expense: 230-250.990 Transfer to Fund Balance $24,885 Increase Expenses: 230-250.970_0010 Capital Outlay Computers & Equip $24,885 Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Bid Award for Village Theater Electrical Control Panel Replacement. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to award the bid for the purchase and installation of the Village Theater Electrical Control Panel to Fantasee Lighting, Belleville, MI in the amount of $66,955.55 to be paid from Account #230-250.970_0010, Capital Outlay Computers & Equipment. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendment: Decrease Expense: 230-250.990 Cable TV Fund Balance $66,955.55 Increase Expenses: 230-250.970_0010 Capital Outlay Computers & Equipment $66,955.55 Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-7. Consider Approval to Change Program Registration Software Provider. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to waive the bid process and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for the recreation software program with CivicRec in the amount of $30,000 annually and a one-time implementation cost not to exceed $17,000 to be paid from funds available in the General and Community Center funds. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to waive the bid process and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract for the credit card processing for the recreation software program with Chase. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consider the Adoption of a Revised Fee Schedule for EMS Service. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the adoption of the proposed fee schedule for Emergency Medical Services provided by the Canton Fire Department, beginning January 1, 2018. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-9. 2017 Budget Adjustments. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the listing of budget adjustments to the 2017 budget. Motion carried by all members present. A complete copy of the adjustments may be obtained through the Clerk's Office during regular business hours **Item G-10. Consider Approval of an Agreement for Lobbying Services Between Canton Township and Kandler, Reed, Khoury and Muchmore. (Supv)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve a one-year agreement with Kandler, Reed, Khoury, & Muchmore for government lobbying services, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign on behalf of Canton Township, for an amount not to exceed $36,000 per year. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** The board wished each other "Happy Holidays" Clerk Siegrist reminded the board of the annual "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr" program will be held on Monday, January 15, 2018 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill and invited members of the board to participate in the Canton Community Choir. Both he and Trustee Graham-Hudak will be in the choir. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Graham-Hudak, supported by Anthon to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Helping hands

Legends raffle provides holidays for families

The annual Inkster Legends Christmas Raffle was a "smashing success" despite some inclement weather, according to founder and director Fred Smiley.

Every year, the Inkster Legends raffle pays for holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

"We give the families about two weeks of groceries, toys for the children and some clothing," Smiley said. "I give the team at Kroger's on Merriman and Cherry Hill in Westland a shopping list and they shop for 100 families in Inkster, box up everything for us and have it ready to pick up on the Saturday we do the distribution," Smiley said. " I really want to thank the manager there and his team.

"I also want to thank the group at Meijer in Westland for their generous support. That is where we purchase the toys and clothes for distribution," he added. Meijer in Westland donated $500 to help with shopping for the families, Smiley said.

Prizes for the annual raffle were awarded during a gathering Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

"We really need to thank the luxurious Sheraton Hotel for giving us use of the facility for our event," Smiley said. "I would also like to thank all the volunteers who make our event a success and I would be remiss if I failed to thank all the volunteers who help sell raffle tickets. Especially Nick Jones of Berta Vision for his continued great work with our organization," Smiley said. He added that the U-Haul manager in Inkster provided storage and a truck for hauling the toys, groceries and clothing.

Smiley said that he and the group also appreciated Greg Lewis and his staff at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center for their assistance with the program.

This year the grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena Jan. 6, was won by Alice Brown; the second bonus grand prize of a Harlem Globetrotters family pack including four tickets along with an autographed basketball headbands and wristbands went to W. Singletary.

First prize of a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel including breakfast went to Dennis Spencer; second prize of four tickets to the world-famous Henry Ford Museum was won by V. Mitchell while third prize of a birthday party blast for 15 at the Romulus Athletic Center went to Clark Bishop.

Fourth prize of two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats in Detroit was won by Melvin Wiley; fifth prize of a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel went to Ernestine Williams and sixth prize, a Garmin GPS navigation system was awarded to Leia Taylor.

Seventh prize, dinner for two at Urban Soul restaurant in Detroit went to S.Vassallo; eighth prize, two vouchers for dinner for two at They Say went to Tyrone Orr and Ernestine Williams; ninth prize, dinner for two at Red Lobster was won by Woody Woodward and 10th prize, a $25 gift card at Ford Garage in Dearborn was won by Beverly Spencer.

"I also want to thank God," Smiley said, "because none of this is possible without God's grace."

Inkster Legends also accepts donations to help their holiday efforts. To donate or for more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us.

Inkster State Rep. Jewell Jones, above, and his friends came out to help with the toy shopping at Meijer for the Basketball Legends of Inkster Christmas giveaway. Among those who helped select items for the families this year were Jermaine and Rachael Bounds; M'ikaeia Winn; Darius Turner; Javion Johnson; Mee'ya Robinson and Jones.

Special guests

Radio Station 96.3 WDVD visited the Romulus Fire Department Dec. 15 as part of their "Salute to First Responders" program and delivered boxed lunches from HoneyBaked Ham for the crews on duty. They also donated gift cards to buy meals for the crews working on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Welcoming the visitors are Firefighter Mike Fyfe, left, Lauren Crocker, 96.3WDVD on-air personality, Romulus Fire Service Director Kevin Krause, Blaine Fowler, 96.3 WDVD on-air personality, Matt Laurinec, 96.3 WDVD on-air personality and Romulus Firefighter David Ehlert.

School leader rated 'effective'

Members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education have rated Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak as "effective."

The rating encompasses Kudlak's performance as the leader of the district from July through December 2017. The board has been in the process of evaluating Kudlak since July.

He will be evaluated for his performance from January through December of 2018.

Discussion of the evaluation continued during a special closed session of the board members prior to the regular meeting last week.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2018 for the following:

SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING REPLACEMENT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

UPTOWN PDD AMENDMENT NO. 5 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PART OF PARCEL NO. 072 99 0003 713. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 4, 2018 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

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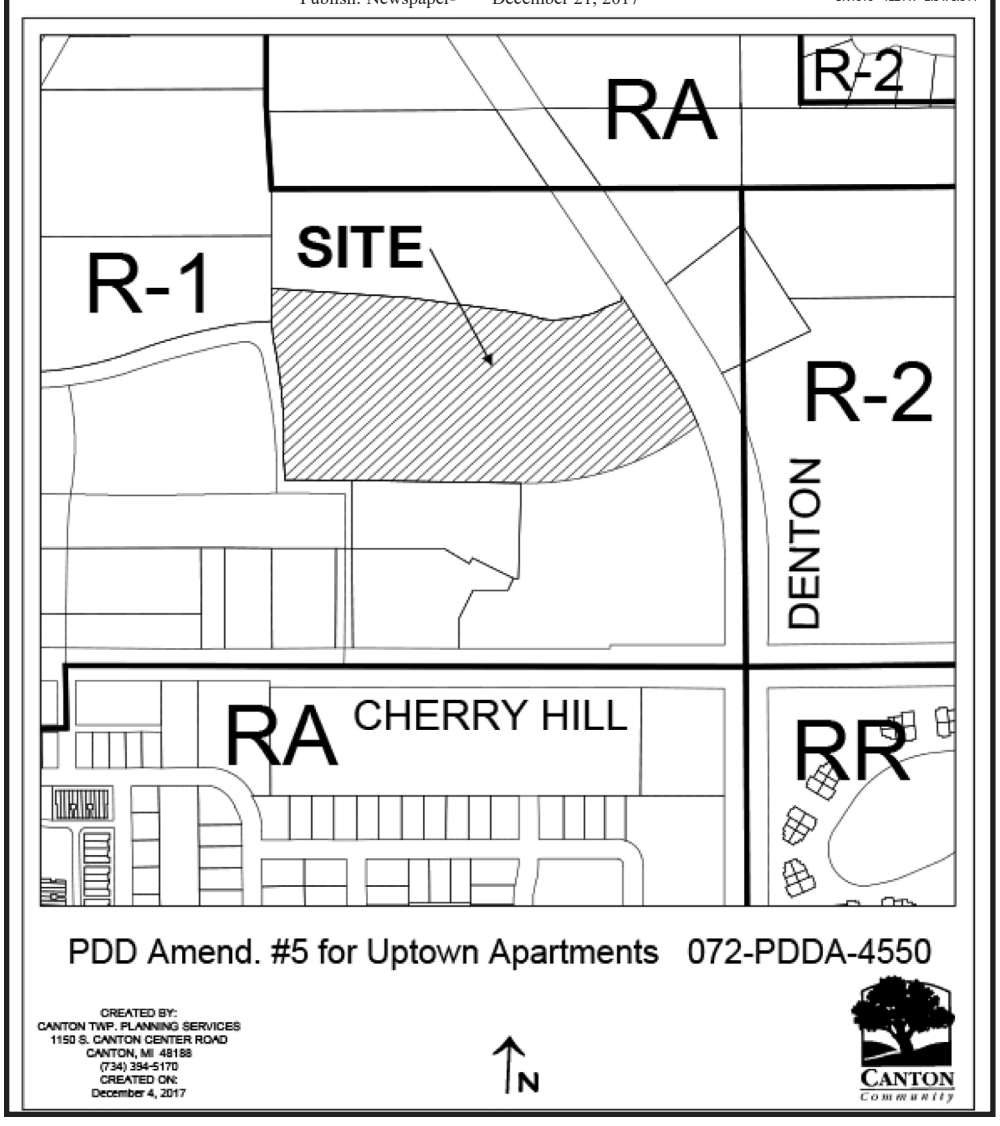

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS;

VOLK/MUSIC REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS.
120 99 0017 001, 120 99 0017 002 (49828 GEDDES) AND 120 99 0018 702 (3506 DENTON) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Geddes Road and west of Denton Road.

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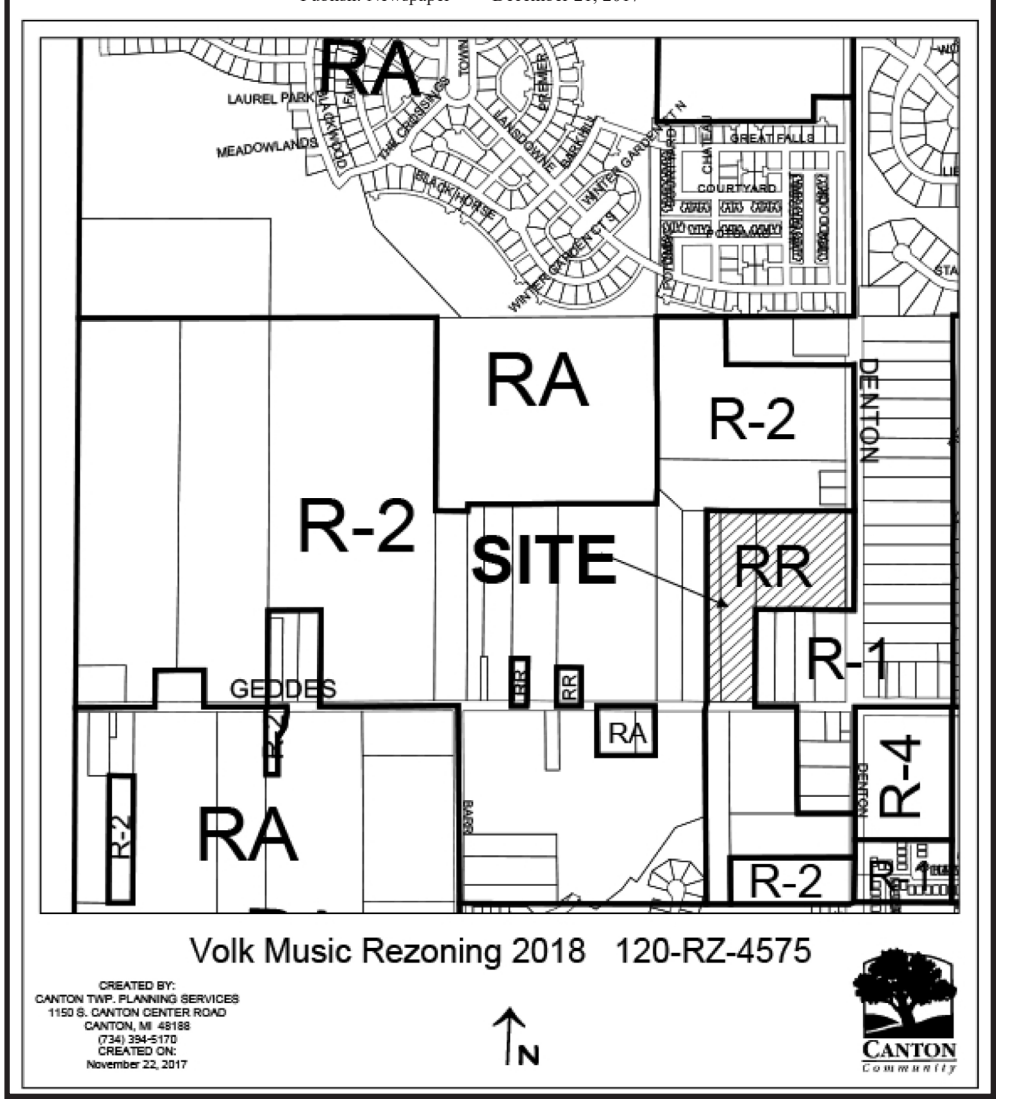

Northville - Plymouth

Philharmonic awards teen scholarship

The Michigan Philharmonic has awarded a full year String Fellowship to Rachel Browning, bassist with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Browning is a senior at Plymouth High School and has been studying and playing the double bass for seven years. She joined the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Sinfonia in 2012 and became the principle bassist for the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Symphony in 2013. She is also the principle bassist for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) orchestra.

An accomplished musician, Browning has received a number one rating for three consecutive years at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association solo and ensemble state competition and was selected as a member of the Michigan Honors Orchestra for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in the spring of 2017. To broaden her experience with the bass, she participates in multiple pit orchestras and joined the John Coltrane Jazz Band at PCEP.

Browning said she is excited about her upcoming senior year in high school and plans to continue to her study of music and the double bass in college.

The Michigan Philharmonic String Fellowship is an award given to an advanced string player in the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Winners of the Fellowship have the opportunity to perform with the Michigan Philharmonic on several concerts per year and receive a stipend for their work.

"We have never awarded the string fellowship to a bass player before and we are excited that Rachel is such an accomplished musician", said Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra conductor Hektor Qyteti.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra was founded in 2003 and has grown significantly since its inception. Currently the youth orchestra consists of more than 135 students in five different ensembles - two levels of beginning and intermediate strings, the Chamber Winds, the Flute Choir and the full Youth Symphony. Students have the opportunity to give two performances on a professional stage at the Village Theater in Canton in addition to side-by-side performances with the Michigan Philharmonic for the two upper ensembles.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will be hosting auditions for 2018 winter semester after the holidays. Visit www.mpyo.org for more information. Auditions will be for all levels of strings, winds, brass and percussion instruments.

For more information on the Michigan Philharmonic, visit www.michiganphil.org or Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.

Rachel Browning

School district names new operations director

Northville Public Schools have a new director of operations.

District officials have hired Steven Banchero for the position, replacing Chris Gearns who announced his retirement after 20 years at the helm of the Maintenance and Operations Department for the district.

During the two decades of his leadership, Gearns oversaw building maintenance during periods of significant reductions in school funding, assisted with the transition to contracting of transportation and custodial services, and provided leadership in the implementation of Sinking Fund dollars toward facility needs, explained Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher.

She said that following a thorough search and interview process, the district selected Banchero for the director's position.

Banchero comes to Northville Public Schools with 18 years of experience as a construction project manager for McCarthy & Smith, Inc., in Farmington Hills, specializing in the planning, budgeting, and construction of educational facilities, Gallagher said. Banchero has a bachelor's degree from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Civil Engineering and Construction Management.

"Steve is a Northville community member and school parent, who most recently volunteered his time and expertise in co-chairing the district Facility Review/Bond Study Committee. His expertise in facilities and construction will be of great benefit to the district as we move forward with the implementation of Bond 2017 projects, and in overseeing facility operations and maintenance district-wide," Gallagher said.

"As we welcome Steve to the Northville Public Schools team, I also want to take the opportunity to thank Chris Gearns for his 20 years of service, and his gracious offer to make himself available as needed to support the transition process," she concluded.

Annual Snowman Photo Contest under way

The Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual Snowman Photo Contest again this year.

To enter, city residents need to built a snowman, dress him up and take a photo of the end result which should be dropped off at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office. Photos can also be sent by mail, email or fax.

Entries should include the child's name, address, phone number and email address of the person submitting the photo.

Deadline for entries is 4 p.m. Friday, March 2.

Judging will take place the week of March 5 and the winner will announced March 12.

Photos should be submitted to City of Plymouth Recreation Department, 525 Farmer, Plymouth, MI 48170 or emailed to fpierzecki@ci-plymouth.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620. The fax line is (734) 453-1132.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
FY 2018/2019

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on ***Monday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm*** for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2018/2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an ESTIMATED $151,065.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts.

OBJECTIVES:
A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

FY 2018/2019 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY		Amount:	* Objectives Met:
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 05A		$ 22,660	A, B
Park improvements in two City Parks: Historical and McAnally	LMA-03F	$113,298	A, D
General Administration - 21A (10%)		$ 15,107	A
	Sub-Total	$151,065	
Next available project from Program Income		$ 5,000	A, C,
		$156, 065	

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the **second** Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before December 29, 2017. The City of Romulus will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Local teacher to travel to Finland

One Wayne teacher will be providing guidance to a whole different group of "students" this month.

Jacqueline St. Antoine, a dual-diagnosis teacher at Franklin Middle School in Wayne, will travel to Tampere, Finland to present information at an international conference of educators regarding teaching students with cognitive impairments and social/emotional/behavioral deficits.

"I'll be attending the Art, EcoJustice, and Education Conference at the University of Tampere," St. Antoine explained. "My presentation is on EcoJustice Education and Disability. EcoJustice Education is an approach to teaching that is concerned with an ecological analysis and pedagogy of responsibility to develop citizens who are prepared to support and achieve diverse, democratic, and sustainable societies," she said. "In short, EcoJustice Education is an approach focused on relationship building, place-based learning, increasing engagement, and fostering community. It focuses on building partnerships between students, families, schools, and the outside community. Typically, this approach has not included individuals with disabilities."

Three years ago, St. Antoine and Amanda Meyers began Franklin United, a student-led inclusion program at Franklin Middle School. Franklin Unified includes a variety of activities like unified athletics during the school day to bring together general and special education students. This year, the educators are planning unified basketball and unified bowling. Each spring they have a unified field day.

Aside from athletics, Franklin Unified students create videos promoting respect and positivity within the school.

"We also hold an annual pledge campaign where students sign and commit to respect and include others," St. Antoine said.

"We have increased participation by 400 percent in the last three years. Students are motivated to make a difference, take ownership in their school, and to lead," she said. "Franklin Unified's goal is to develop pride in our students for their school community while promoting inclusion and acceptance.

"When students care about their school and their community, they are more engaged. Students can develop relationships that make school a safer, more joyful, and more supportive place. When families see their students as a part of a community, they feel more positive and invited into the school culture," she said.

St. Antoine's students have started a class business called Nest Cafe where they sell breakfast and beverages to the staff at the school to help finance their fundraising and service learning efforts.

The staff supports the Franklin Unified effort too.

"This winter we will be holding a fundraiser for Special Olympics Polar Plunge - our principals Stacy Williamson and Deena Pringle will be getting taped up! I'll be jumping into Lake Belleville this February for our team. We also do a community service project each year, which has been building and maintaining a memorial garden," she added.

Unified Field Day participants at Franklin Middle School.

St. Antoine has taught at Franklin Middle School for six years and is in her eighth year with Wayne-Westland Community Schools. She is also completing a doctorate in educational studies with an emphasis on urban education and focus on disability studies at Eastern Michigan University and is an adjunct professor at the college in the special education department.

"The work I have been doing centers on the need for community-based partnerships, EcoJustice education, and democratic schooling to be more inclusive of individuals with disabilities. Wayne-Westland is one of the largest hubs for students with special needs in the state. We are truly leaders among low-incidence areas. I am advocating for the need to include individuals with disabilities in more community-based school efforts. Using an EcoJustice framework, I believe this is a real possibility," St. Antoine said.

She is one of the very few scholars bringing together disability and EcoJustice education.

Jacqueline St. Antoine

"I love Wayne-Westland Schools. It has been my home, and I am committed to serving Wayne Westland Community Schools. We are doing great work here. I want to do more of that important work," she said. "Very few programs of this type are fully inclusive of students with significant disabilities; I want to be on the forefront of developing such a program here."

Winners named in Westland Gallery exhibit

Westland Mayor William Wild chose a pastel work of a group of ballerinas about to perform by Laurel Raisanen of Wayne as his favorite entry in the Three Cities Art Club Juried Art Exhibition.

The exhibition will continue through Jan. 30 at the Westland Gallery at City Hall and Raisanen was among the artists who took home more than $1,100 in cash prizes. She was awarded $100 for her "Watching and Waiting" work, chosen by the mayor for the "Wild about Art Award."

The other prize winners were selected by juror Monte Nagler who chose from 60 entries in both photography and non-photographic works.

"I have juried numerous art and photography contests over the years and this one rates right up at the top. There is tremendous talent in southeast Michigan as evidenced by this stunning and dynamic body of work both photography and non-photography," Nagler said. Non-photographic entries included oils, acrylics, watercolors, printmaking, air brush, collage, pencil and pastels.

The Best of Show award in photography went to Dennis Koski of Sterling Heights; First Place went to John Mittelstadt of Bloomfield Hills; Tim Tonachella of Plymouth received both an Honorable Mention award and Second Place; Allen Brooks of Livonia received an Honorable Mention award and Third Place and Aileen Mozug of Livonia received an Honorable Mention award.

In all other two-dimensional works of fine art, Mireille Ripley of Ann Arbor took home an Honorable Mention, First Place and Best of Show; Kay Masini of Plymouth received an Honorable Mention and Second Place; Jon Lange of Livonia took Third Place and Susann Smith of Westland received an Honorable Mention.

The gallery is located at 36300 Warren Road, just west of Westland Mall, in Westland City Hall. The exhibit is open to the public any time city hall is open.

The exhibit is sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Center, D&M Art Studio and Ari-El Enterprises, Inc. To learn more about the exhibition, attending the event, tours or purchasing artwork, or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or via e-mail at marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
January 11, 2018

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco. Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2017 Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Chris George for property located at 2830 Denton Road on the west side of Denton Road between Geddes and Cherry Hill Roads, Zoning R-2 appealing Requirements for Agricultural and Residential Districts 26.02 Parcel ID 71-120-99-0010-709 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2017
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, , Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded d by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-423 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 27, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None
4. Chairperson's Report:
17-424 4A. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution to oppose the permit modifications, permit Ml-163-1W-C010 and C011, request to modify two existing permits for Environmental Geo-Technologies, LLC, 28470 Citrin Drive, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, to inject waste fluid underground. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-425 4B. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Talley** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Johnny Taylor. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-426 4C. Moved by **Talley**, seconded by **Webb** to adopt a resolution to congratulate Deacon Eric Talley and Reverend Rita Talley on their 50th wedding anniversary. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Krause, recognized Chaplain Michelle Major and Chaplain Brian Major, Romulus residents, who received the coveted honor of "2017 Chaplain of the Year" award. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
17-427 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe,** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Relocation or Removal of Equipment Billing Agreement with DTE to relocate the streetlight at the Merriman Road entrance to the Ponds at Gateway. The cost to complete the relocation ($1,735.01) is being paid to DTE by the Ponds at Gateway. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-428 5B. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the "Notice of Termination for the Metro World Center Planned Area." **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-429 5C. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of Mike Glotfelty, Jerry Frederick, and Edna Talon-Jemison to the City of Romulus Planning Commission with a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
17-430 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to schedule a study session for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss proposed changes to the Noxious Weed Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, spoke about the City of Romulus Quarterly Investment Report that she presented in a special meeting prior to the Council meeting. Treasurer Paige announced that tax bills were mailed out Dec. 1st and, if anyone has questions to contact the Treasurer's Office at 734-942-7580.
7. Public Comment:
Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, announced that all summer flowers must be removed from the cemetery before December 16, 2017 – before the Wreaths Across America event. A resident asked about the next step in the "relocation of street lights" process and also, asked about the noxious weeds ordinance. Gina Wilson-Steward, editor, Telegram Newspaper, inquired about the Planning Commission meetings.
8. Unfinished Business:
Councilwoman Williams commented that she was satisfied with the answer to a question from last week's Council meeting. Mayor Burcroff informed that the Planning Commission is an open meeting that meets on a monthly basis. Mayor Burcroff explained that the Noxious Weeds Ordinance allows the City to keep weeds at a reasonable level for safety reasons and that on December 11th there will be a special meeting prior to the regular Council meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Noxious Weed Ordinance. Community Development Director, Tim Keyes, addressed the question regarding the next step in the "relocation of street lights" process and said the resolution from City Council along with the Ponds at Gateway's check will be forwarded to DTE.
9. New business: None.
10. Communication:
Councilwoman Abdo announced that on December 13th the National Honors Society will hold their annual Santa Shop at Barth Elementary School. Kindergarteners and Pre-Schoolers can shop for two gifts for their parents or grandparents. If anyone would like to donate gifts for the Santa Shop, please contact Councilwoman Abdo and she will pick them up.
11. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 4, 2017.

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Calendar of events

Magician performs tomorrow

Las Vegas magician and Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton one show at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

Radatz, who was recently featured on the global TV Masters of Illusion, will be presenting magic and comedy.

A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Humane Society of Michigan. In addition, Radatz new children's book (The Adventures of Dingo the Dog) will also benefit the Humane Society with a portion of each book sale benefiting the organization. Radatz' own rescue dog Dingo inspired the book and will be part of the show helping to raise awareness of this cause.

Recently, Radatz completed his first headlining engagement on the famed Las Vegas Strip and is the only magician to have been commissioned by the US Pentagon to entertain overseas troops. To date, Radatz has toured 45 U.S. states, 37 countries, and six continents.

Tickets range from $18 to $24 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Circus performs in Canton

The New Year will be celebrated with high-flying aerial antics on fabric, trapeze feats of daring and lyra moves along with other jaw-dropping performances as The Detroit Circus performs at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill New Year's Eve.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31 show, are priced at $22 and available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or the Village Theater box office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays.

Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (734) 394-5300 ext. 3.

Spectators will be entertained by this locally-based, animal-free circus that features performers including contortionists and jugglers, along with feats of mind-bending strength and acrobatics. Performances of The Detroit Circus have sold out at The Village Theater each year since 2015.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater .org.

Adult yoga classes offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer an Adult Slow Flow Yoga class from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Jan. 2 through Feb. 20 or Jan. 4 through Feb. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

This active, multi-level yoga class is taught in a flow style format. The classes will incorporate a flow of movement and breath, with a focus on form and body awareness. Each class will end with a guided meditation and relaxation.

Cost for this class is $89 for city of Plymouth residents and $104 for non-residents.

Registration can be found online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 3 at Ward Presbyterian Church, enter door 6 or 7 on east side of the building.

The speaker at the meeting will be Juliana Cerra who will address the topic: "Carpe Diem" a familiar phrase encouraging people to take advantage of the opportunity at hand because it may be gone tomorrow.

Her program demonstrates how this concept can be applied to gardens in ways that increase enjoyment and reduce labor. Using examples from travel both home and abroad, the discussion will explore possibilities for change and development in landscapes.

Guests are welcome at the meeting.

For more information, contact Teri Plaunt, (734) 751-8619.

Neuromovement class offered

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer an eight-week Neuromovement® class from 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 4 through Feb. 22 from at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The classes are designed to eliminate aches, pains, and stiffness and increase flexibility, both physical and mental.

Neuromovement® is a holistic approach to human functioning and action, based on the understanding that movement is the language of the brain. Cost for the class is $133 for city of Plymouth residents and $148 for non-residents.

Registration is available online at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Pet CPR classes offered

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) is hosting a pet CPR and first aid training at the Plymouth headquarters at 1260 Goldsmith from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5.

The class and training are free and will explain how to care for pets in the event of an emergency.

All ages are welcome. Students must register in advance at

https://form.jotform.com/73402996682164

Miniature Masterpieces performed

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform chamber ensemble music performed by 14 players during the Miniature Masterpieces concert set for 2 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth. The chapel is located at 574 S Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

Schools host open house

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot, and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the Valentine's Day tradition Butterfly Ball in Canton are now on sale.

The dance returns to the Summit on the Park Feb. 9 and 10, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories for dads and daughters.

The evening will include dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Three dances are scheduled this year, 6 p.m. Feb. 9 and 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

All three dances will in the Summit Gymnasium this year.

Tickets are $11 for Canton residents and $14 for non-residents. All ticket sales will end Feb. 1. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

PARC plans public forum

The new year will bring news about the future plans of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

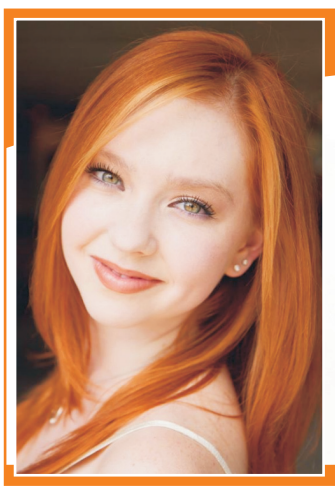
Representatives of the facility will host a Community Forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth to provide an update regarding the historic former Plymouth High/Central Middle School which is being repurposed into an arts and recreation center. Plans to add a new performing arts center at the facility were announced last month, along with a major funding drive.

The forum is open to the public and representatives from PARC will be available for questions. Preliminary designs, site plans, and renderings of the facilities will be on display and available for public review.

"After two years of successful operation, PARC has far surpassed all reasonable initial expectations; this should provide the community great confidence in PARC's future," commented Don Soenen, PARC president. "Recent independent survey data indicates that an overwhelming majority of Plymouth city and township residents believe that PARC adds value to our community; this bodes well for the future," he added.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 16.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the Greater Plymouth Community.

For more information contact Soenen at (734) 516-4053 or dsoenen@gmail.com.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